

QUEEN OF THE MARTIAN CATACOMBS

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Across the red sands
fought the Terran
changeling to reach
Berild, beautiful
and fey...
and blast her into
eternal dust

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This is the very first story with the Conan like barbarian hero, Eric John Stark. There were more written by Brackett and all just as exciting so look for them if you like swashbuckling space stories. This is not the fantastical Mars of Burroughs, nor the hard science of a Bradbury with ray guns, but there are ancient alien civilizations all over the place reacting to the influx of humans. With title like this, how can it not be a fabulous tale, eh? First published in Planet Stories 1949

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